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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph Manoskey

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lavelle, French Patent Application 2,748,833.

3. In addition to the French Patent Application by Lavelle, an English translation has been furnished with this Office Action entitled "Information Storage System for Real Time Monitoring of a Digital Computer". All references to French Patent Application 2,748,833 will be done using the English translation. The two documents will be referred to as collectively hereinafter as "Lavelle".

4. Referring to claims 1 and 6, Lavelle teaches a monitoring system (See page 2, 3rd paragraph). The monitoring system is external to the controller that it is monitoring (See Fig. 1). The state is obtained when its is under actual operating conditions, this is interpreted as a control program stored in storage means in the apparatus controls, via an internal bus of the apparatus, said controller to operate (See page 4, 1st paragraph).

Lavelle discloses the system monitoring detecting on the internal bus in real time (See page 3). The detection includes the address bus with the detection means being external to the controller, this is interpreted as each match of an address set with an address line on the internal bus (See Fig. 1, and page 9, last paragraph). Finally, Lavelle teaches the information being transferred to an archival device, this is interpreted as information on the accessing of the internal bus being outputted to external monitoring means (See page 6, paragraph 3), and the information includes dating bits which indicate at what moment the data was sampled, this is interpreted as the information including the timing of the accessing (See page 12, first paragraph).

5. Referring to claims 2 and 7, Lavelle teaches the state of the system under monitoring is obtained when its is under actual operating conditions (See page 4, 1st paragraph) and the detection includes the address bus with the detection means being external to the controller, this is interpreted as comprising execution address detection means (See Fig. 1, and page 9, last paragraph). Finally, Lavelle teaches the information being transferred to an archival device, this is interpreted as information on the accessing of the internal bus being outputted to external monitoring means (See page 6, paragraph 3).

6. Referring to claims 3, 4, 8, and 9, Lavelle discloses the system having a display for the information (See page 6, 3rd paragraph).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lavelle in view of Fasang, U.S. Patent 4,433,413.

3. Referring to claims 5 and 10, Lavelle teaches all the limitations (See rejection of claims 3 and 8) except for the data being displayed numerically, however Lavelle does disclose displaying the data on a display and remains silent about what format the data is displayed in (See page 6, 3rd paragraph). Fasang teaches a device and method of testing a microprocessor system that includes a display where the data is formatted numerically (See Fig. 1, Col. 3, lines 20-31, and Col. 24, lines 5-9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to display the data in the numerical format of Fasang on the display of Lavelle. This would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to do this because it better conveys information to the outside world (See Fasang, Col. 3, lines 30-32).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Manoskey whose telephone number is (703) 308-5466. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (8am to 4:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (703) 305-9713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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